(c) the scheme formulated to fill the gap created by removal of the said coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) (a) No, Sir. There will be no premature condemnation of AC coaches as a result of Montreal Protocol. Only those coaches which complete their stipulated life before 2010 will be phased out.

(b) There are 780 air conditioned (AC) coaches with R-12 refrigerant manufactured before 1994. About 300 coaches out of 780 would complete their service life by 2010 & will be phased out in normal course. The balance 480 coaches shall be converted by 2010 with environment friendly gas. Work in this direction has already commenced.

(c) After 1994 Railways have already switched over to manufacturing AC coaches with environment friendly refrigerant. Railway Coach Factories are manufacturing about 350 AC coaches every year to meet its requirement on additional & replacement account.

Incidents of beating the passengers by paramilitary forces

†376. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of beating the passengers by the personnel of paramilitary forces in the trains run in the country have increased;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the personnel of said forces forcibly grab the reserved seats from common passengers and are forcibly thrown out of the train;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are unable to curb such incidents, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is an increase in the number of incidents of beating the passengers by the personnel of paramilitary forces in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

trains in the year 2005 as compared to the previous years.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A statement giving brief details of incidents of grabbing of reserved seats and throwing out passengers by Para Military Force personnel for the year 2004, 2005 & 2006 (upto September) is attached (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir. Appropriate action under extant provisions of law have been taken against them. Besides, the matter has also been brought to the knowledge of the Chief of the Para Military Forces as well as Chief of the Army Staff for taking stern action against defaulters under extant disciplinary rules.

Statement

Brief details of the Incidents of Grabbing of Seats and throwing out of Passengers by Personnel of Para Military Forces

Year	Railway	Brief Details of the fact	Arrest Made	Action taken
1	2	3	4	5
2004	E.Co.R	On 18.07.2004, one CRPF personnel desisted entry of the passengers in a coach of train no. 7045 East Coast Express by locking the doors and misbehaved with the passengers.	01 CRPF personnel	He Was prosecuted u/s 145 (b) & 146 the Railways Act
2005	E.Co.R	On 06.06.2005, BSF & Army personnel desisted entry of the passengers in a coach of train no. 6003 Howrah-Chennai Mail at Srikakulam Railway Station locking the doors and misbehaved with the passengers.	02 Force personnel	They were prosecuted u/s 145 (b) & 146 the Railways Act
2005	N.C.	On 23.01.2005, 05 bonafide passengers of train no. 3483 Farakka Express were forcibly thrown out of the train by Army/ Para Military Force	04 Army personnel	They were prosecuted by GRP/ Firozabad u/s 323/304/204 IPC and 145 the Railways Act. 03 of them were

1	2	3	4	5
		personnel at Sikohabad railway station who were run over by train No. 2393 Sampurn Kranti Express passing through the station.		handed over to Army and 01 BSF personnel was sent to jail.
2006	N.C.R	On 22.07.2006, Para Military Force personnel thrown out the passengers from a general coach of train no. 2534 Pushpak Express at Jhansi railway station.		GRP/Jhansi registered case No. 74/06 u/s147, 323, 342, 504 IPC and case no. 76/06 u/s 153, 155 the Railways Act.
2006	N.F.R.	On 08.10.2006, two coaches of Train No. 2505 North East Express which were reserved for 137 passengers of which, 115 were students and teachers were unauthorisedly occupied by uniformed personnel at New Jalpaiguri railway station. The uniformed personnel were detrained at Katihar.	26 force personnel & 01 civilian	All the offenders were prosecuted by RPF/ Katihar u/s 155 the Railways Act. All were convicted.
2006	E.C.R.	On 04.07.2006, 09 Para Military Force personel misbehaved with passengers in a general coach of train no. 2525 North East Express at Barauni.	09 Force personnel	All the offenders were prosecuted by GRP/Barauni u/s 144, 341, 323, 504, 379, 355 IPC.
2006	W.R.	On 22.09.2006, 06 military personnel misbehaved with the passengers of a general coach of train no. 9707 Aravali Express at Vadodara on the issue of seats.	06 military personnel	All the offenders were prosecuted u/s 155 & 146 the Railways Act. All were convicted.